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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my very strong concern about the nature of the settlement proposal in the DOJ case against Microsoft. I believe that the settlement has major flaws and will do nothing to limit Microsoft in its future attempts to quash competitors in the IT industry.

My work is in IT for a non-profit organization. I use computers daily, including Microsoft products. I do not think Microsoft is "evil" but I am greatly concerned that the company has shown an ongoing history of using its monopoly position to overtake and overwhelm competitors.

Microsoft's "shadow" on the software and IT industry is huge. They have the ability to out-spend and out-last almost all of their competitors, and if they don't do that, they try to buy them out. With their new products such as Windows XP, Xbox game console, PocketPC handheld computers, they continue the same behavior.

I am not a person that usually writes letters such as this, but because of my involvement in the IT industry and the importance for the future, I felt compelled to write. The recent events with Enron only highlight more fully to me that the US Government has a definite oversight responsibility in industry. I do not believe that market forces alone will protect against abuse. Microsoft has been found to be a monopoly that misuses its position to protect and grow its markets. That behavior must be stopped.

Please reconsider the decision and make strong, enforceable structural changes in Microsoft for the good of consumers and the industry. The US Government dealt with monopolistic issues with IBM and the industry did not disappear. Neither did IBM. I believe that the entire computer industry will be better off with a stronger penalty for Microsoft.

Sincerely yours,

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